

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A method for installing a mailbox file in a disk drive, the method comprising:

obtaining a disk drive access key from an access key server based at least in part on an identifying characteristic of ~~the~~ disk drive;

creating ~~the~~ mailbox file stored in at least one host interface addressable location of the disk drive using the disk drive access key, the mailbox file being executable under control of the disk drive; and

notifying the disk drive of the at least one host interface addressable location of the mailbox file.

2. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the mailbox file is associated with a range of storage locations on a disk storage medium of the disk drive that are not host interface addressable.

3. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 2, further comprising: accessing the range of storage locations via the mailbox file using the disk drive access key.

4. (Currently Amended) A method for using a mailbox file stored in a disk drive, the method comprising:

receiving a command at ~~at~~the disk drive from a host computer, the command referencing at least one host interface addressable location in which ~~at~~the mailbox file is stored; and

executing the mailbox file under control of the disk drive in response to the command.

5. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 4, wherein the at least one host interface addressable location is a storage location on a disk storage medium of the disk drive.

6-9. (Canceled)